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REMARKS

Applicants have elected to prosecute claims directed to Group I(b) (ligand/receptor specificity exchangers), Group II(2) (exchangers having a specificity domain targeting a virus), subspecies (i) (specificity domains comprising a CD4 peptide). For the purposes of prosecution only, Applicants elect the specificity exchangers that comprise a specificity domain of SEQ ID NO. 7 and methods of use of these compositions.

Applicants recognize that the present claims are subject to linking claim practice and that upon a finding that the elected species is allowable, the Examiner will continue examination of other species until the Examiner is satisfied as to the patentability of the broad claims. That is, although Applicants elect a species for the purpose of prosecution, Applicants request that an examination of the broad claims be conducted upon a finding that the elected species is patentable. Accordingly, for the purposes of linking claim practice, Applicants have elected the species exemplified by a glycosylated peptide that comprises SEQ ID NO. 7. Claims that encompass the elected composition include 26-31, 35, 38, 42, and 45.

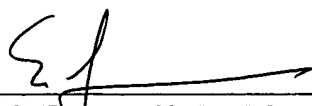
Applicants have cancelled claims 1-25 without prejudice or disclaimer and now present new claims 26-45. Accordingly, claims 26-45 are now submitted for examination on the merits. Support for the new claims may be found in the specification at, for example, pages 2-4, 8-9, 11-16, 20-21, 40-43, 45-46, and 47-53. Thus, entry of the new claims does not add new matter. New claims 38-45, directed to methods of using the now claimed compositions are subject to rejoinder under MPEP § 821.04(b) and are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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